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## Question Box

**NOTE:** All questions addressed to "The Question Box" must be signed if they are to receive a reply. However, names will be withheld from publication if requested. Only the questions considered of general interest will be answered in the EVANGEL.

**QUESTION:** *Is it a sin to buy or sell a dog? What does the scripture mean in Deuteronomy 23:18?*—G. H.

The scripture in Deuteronomy refers to men who make money by selling their bodies for lewd purposes. The other person mentioned in the same verse indicates the type of person referred to as a "dog." Such persons were not to use money so evilly gained to purchase sacrifices for their sins. This has no reference to the canine family, and the buying and selling of these animals is not condemned by scripture. Men are often called dogs in the Scriptures: Psalms 22:16, 20; Matthew 15:27; Philippians 3:2; Revelation 22:15.



**QUESTION:** *When pastors ask their congregation from the pulpit if they would like to see some person have a spell, is that not making light of the wonderful working power of God?*—D. O. L.

It most certainly is. Such irreverent reference to the power of the Holy Ghost is entirely unbecoming. Read the editorial on this in the September 26, 1953 issue of the EVANGEL.



**QUESTION:** *Do you believe you can be saved and then go back in sin and stay in sin, and still go to heaven?*—Mrs. E. M.

No. "He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."—Matthew 24:13.

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I have a burden for the ministry and am open for revivals.—Mrs. Lessie Curry, Nokomis, Fla.

If any sick person desires to send me a handkerchief to be anointed, I shall be happy to pray for him. Those who wish me to help them pray concerning some problem or worthy cause, I shall be happy to do so.—Virgil H. Oakley, Box 352, Lynch, Ky.

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9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
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14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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# 1953

## *in the Christian Church in America*

By WILBUR M. SMITH

**T**HE MOST SIGNIFICANT factor in American Christianity during 1953 was probably the amazing nation-wide renewed interest, for many reasons, in the reading and studying of the Word of God. It was in this year that a fervent

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discussion of versions of the Bible suddenly surged up, due to the publication of the completed Revised Standard Version. Two million copies of this Bible have been sold within one year of its publication. It is not our purpose here to discuss its merits and demerits, but no one can doubt but that it is a wholesome thing for the Christian Church, and its millions of members, to be reminded of, and to be concerned about, some of the doctrinal truths of the Christian Church. The criticisms of the new version, some puerile and unworthy of Christian students, and some fully justified, have been so intense and widespread that the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America has felt it necessary to issue "an open letter concerning the Revised Standard Version of the Bible." It is most interesting to observe this group, generally designated as liberal, going out of its way to declare that the Revised Standard Version "affirms the uniqueness of our Lord Jesus Christ as God's only Son.... the resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.... redemption through the blood of Jesus Christ.... the deity of Jesus Christ.... the virgin birth of Jesus Christ.... the return of our Lord Jesus Christ." Probably more has been written, e.g., during the last year, on Isaiah 7:14 than in the preceding fifty years of Biblical study.

The circulation of the Bible has been phenomenal. The latest statistics tell us that during 1952 (the 1953 figures are not available, of course), the American Bible Society alone circulated 825,647 Bibles, 1,401,954 New Testaments and 11,141,429 portions, a total of 13,369,030. Nineteen new languages have been added to the number in which parts of the Bible have been translated, bringing the number to 1,059. Of this number, the entire Bible has been published in 197 different languages. In the latest report of the British and Foreign Bible Society, we find

that for the latest nine months of the period covered, they circulated over seven million copies of the Scriptures, in 369 languages and dialects."

The amazing archaeological discoveries in Palestine have added their share in arousing added interest to the study of the Word of God. At Jericho, Miss Kathleen Kenyon came upon human skulls, covered with a plaster-like substance for modeling lifelike features, which are dated 5000 B. C., a discovery which, she says, is the most amazing of this century, and gives us the earliest remains of real human civilization. In the Dead Sea Area where, a few years ago, the epochal discovery took place of what is now called the Dead Sea Scrolls, 70 additional scrolls have been discovered, which, we are told, will give us copies of nineteen Old Testament books, in a Hebrew script dating back to between 100 and 200 B. C. A discovery like this, up to within five years ago, would have been called simply inconceivable.

No doubt, other minor factors have entered into this remarkable renewed interest in the Scriptures, among which we must name the use of the Scriptures in the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, giving rise to scores of articles on Bible in the coronation. The appearance of the Gutenberg stamp, September 30, 1952, created scores of articles of the Gutenberg Bible and related themes. There have been some amazing recent advertisements in our daily papers using the Word of God. I do not know what is behind it, but the *New York Times*, on February 15, 1953, carried a full-page advertisement headed "Love, the Greatest Gift," in which was quoted, in full, without comment, 1 Corinthians 13:1-3, 13. A full-page advertisement in the *New York Times*, and in other New York newspapers, on September 15, 1953, was headed "Celebrating the 3,000th Anniversary of Jerusalem," on the assumption that David took the city of the Jebusites in 1,047 B. C. Psalm 137:5, among other passages, is quoted. Announcing the celebration at Madison Square Gardens, the statement is made, "Today, after thirty centuries, the City of Ages stands shining triumphant the Hope of days to come."

Never, in modern history, did so many millions of people see attempts to represent Biblical scenes and



characters as were set before them in 1953, in movies relating to Old Testament and New Testament events, the most important of which is "The Robe," a movie that authorities tell us will be seen by more people in two years than any other movie ever produced. Whether we believe in movies or not, and recognizing "The Robe" is a piece of fiction, most of it without historical foundation, it is said in many places people have taken vows to begin again church attendance. The great film "Martin Luther" magnificently portrays the profound issues of the Reformation, without exaggeration of any aspect of this mighty movement, in which Christ's redemption and salvation by faith are boldly declared.

**MEMBERSHIP** in religious organizations in this country has reached an all-time high. The total number of members is 92,277,129. Of these, the Protestant

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membership is 54,229,963, an increase in one year of 3.9. The Roman Catholic membership is 30,229,963, a growth of 3.5. To these are to be added five million Jews, and various other religious groups. This does not mean that 92 million different people are in the house of God even at least once a year. No one knows the exact number of loyal membership, nevertheless the Christian Church of this country is thriving as in no other major nation in the world.

Gifts of Protestant churches in 1952 surpassed all preceding years. Forty-six denominations in our country contributed \$1,401,114,217 to church causes in those twelve months, a rise of 8.9 over the preceding year. Of this amount, something over \$286 million were assigned to missions and welfare enterprises. The highest percentage of giving was among the Seventh Day Adventists, averaging \$165.26 per person for that year. The Presbyterians gave \$50.06 per member; the Northern Baptist, \$35.43 per member.

**WITHOUT DOUBT**, the most important theme being discussed in the Christian Church at this time, a theme that will create an increasing tension during the next year, is the matter of the second advent of Christ, one of the major areas of what is called in theology "eschatology," meaning

the doctrine of the end. This tremendous interest has been brought about primarily by the announcement that the subject of the second advent of Christ as the Hope of the World will be the major theme for discussion in the gathering of the World Church Assembly in Evanston, in June, 1954. Our religious journals, even the more scholarly among them, are in some issues almost wholly devoted to this theme, which, until recently, was rather scoffed at, and acclaimed for the most part by the ultra-conservative groups in the church. There has never been, since the fall of Rome, so much discussion regarding the return of Christ and the end of the age, as in this present year. Five years ago such a discussion, on an international scale, would have seemed impossible.

The second movement deeply agitating the Church at this time is that of divine healing. For some years now, we have generally thought that anything pertaining to divine healing, especially as a movement, belonged mainly to the Pentecostals; but all this, whether for

good or ill, is now changing. In Los Angeles, e.g., the Episcopal Bishop has actually assigned certain clergymen, with a deep interest in a healing ministry, to this work, and the Diocese of Los Angeles is establishing special healing missions. Many periodicals, both in America and in Great Britain, are printing extended discussions of this whole question, and huge audience gather in different cities in attendance upon the ministry of men who claim to have healing gifts. In fact, in the very city of Paris itself, a city very hard to move, as many as 5,000 people gathered together in a single meeting, during 1953, under the auspices of Pentecostalism.

The third mighty movement in our land is that pertaining to revival, especially because of the amazing ministry of Dr. Billy Graham. Some of his audiences have numbered as many as 60,000 souls. How many thousands of people have been won to Christ under his ministry in the last year, I have not attempted to ascer-



tain, but he, with many other evangelists, equally consecrated, though possibly not with his drawing power, have awakened the interest of vast multitudes in the redemption offered through Christ.

We must also mention here a matter that, while it has not become a movement, may well prove the initiation of currents in our educational life that could have tremendous consequences. I am referring to the address of the newly-elected president of Harvard University, Dr. Nathan N. Pusey, delivered before the Divinity School of Harvard University in October, 1953. The Divinity School of Harvard University has been unitarian since 1805. The latest professor of theology there has even declared through the years that he has no evidence that God even exists. The Harvard University report on education issued in 1945 dismissed the Christian faith with a wave of the hand. Now, suddenly, the new president of Harvard boldly denounced the anti-supernaturalism of the former president, Dr. Charles E. Elliott, asserting that such an anemic religion as he proposed is no longer adequate and declares that Christ came into the world to save sinners!

I believe it is correct to say that no major development occurred in 1953 in relation to ecumenical matters. I do not, in this brief survey, attempt to record resolutions framed at various conferences, church conventions, etc., as so many of them, as always, will remain but ecclesiastical dead-wood. The wide-spread discussions regarding the matter of a return to the teaching of spiritual realities in our educational institutions, a subject debated feverishly both pro and con just now, requires a more detailed consideration than this short synopsis of

noteworthy phenomena of the year in our national religious life will allow.

THOUGH THE GROWTH of the Church in America is something for which all Christians may be exceedingly grateful, we must not forget that as we look

#### SOME DANGERS CONFRONTING THE CHURCH

across the whole world, more great areas of this globe are today closed to definite Christian evangelism than at any time since the apostles. The

boundaries of Christendom, as a friend of mine recently said, are shrinking. There are 400 million more unevangelized souls in the world today than there were a generation ago. We have not sacrificially begun the work of evangelizing the world. It costs more to keep one United States aircraft carrier afloat in the Mediterranean, month by month, than the entire Christian Church is giving for foreign missions month by month.

The cults in our country who repudiate redemption through Christ alone are experiencing an alarming growth. For example, 400 new Mormon churches are this year being erected in the United States of America alone. The Roman Catholic situation around the globe is something that is a matter that sooner or later, must produce a terrible crisis in Christendom. In one country, Spain alone, there are more than 20,000 young men entering the priesthood this year, with the result that the theological seminaries are so crowded that some of the students have to be sent to South America to be educated. The situation in Great Britain regarding Roman Catholicism is so serious that for the first time in decades, a great Protestant church has dared to speak up against Rome. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey F. Fischer, speaking at the convocation of Canterbury, October 14, boldly told the Church of England that they must not think of tolerating such superstitions as papal infallibility, the immaculate conception of the virgin Mary, and her bodily assumption, and added that the Roman Church was guilty of intolerance of other Christian groups, that she was totalitarian in government, and a spiritual dictatorship. These last two charges Rome quickly admitted.

The entire Christian Church in our country has been shaken to its foundations with the facts that have been uncovered regarding communism in the churches. We must not forget that while the charges, fully substantiated, of J. B. Matthews have been bitterly denounced, they have not been answered. The House Un-American Activities Committee has gone on record as saying that there are at least 600 American Protestant clergymen secret members of the Communist Party, and between 3,000 and 4,000 sympathetically inclined to this group. Even Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, the most famous of our theologians (though by no means the most dependable), has himself confessed that in his earlier days his convictions were communistic, in which he now admits he was mistaken. Some denominations are today deeply concerned over the statements made by some of their leaders that "anticommunism is just as dangerous as communism, and sometimes even more so."

The continued publication of *The Interpreter's Bible* is letting loose in our country a flood of the most extreme radical Biblical criticism, a repudiation of atonement by the sacrifice of Christ and the inspiration of the Word of God, that the Church has ever seen in its literature, and when, say, 25,000 clergymen begin to

preach what they find in these pages, then will the Church be moving toward an apostasy more terrible than we even dreamed of.

ANTICIPATION of Dr. Billy Graham's meetings in Britain next spring has awakened the hopes of that land for a new revival such as D. L. Moody was able

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to bring there seventy years ago. Less than 4% of the people of England ever enter the house of God, and one-

third of the entire membership of the Church of Scotland did not enter the house of God once in 1952, even for a Communion service. The year 1953 has been declared by the present Pope to be a year wholly dedicated to the virgin Mary, and if the propaganda proceeding from the Vatican, and the Roman ecclesiastical hierarchy throughout the world, during that year, concerning the virgin Mary is to be anything like the blasphemous prayer to the virgin Mary which the Pope in November of this year has written, and had published, in which the word "Christ" does not even appear, urging Catholics to pray daily to the "Queen of Heaven," then we are going to see a revival of idolatry such as once we could hardly imagine. Thus does the Church face inevitably the greatest issues with which she has been confronted since the Reformation, and may God give those whose faith is in Christ alone, who embrace the Scriptures as the revelation of God, faith to serve and, if needs be, to die for the sake of Christ and His gospel as we wait for the Lord from heaven.



#### RECONSTRUCTIVE KINDNESS

*"And be ye kind one to another,"* Ephesians 4:32.

Not merely absence of bitterness in the heart, but the presence of love in the life is the thought of the apostle in this exhortation. Our lives are to be positive forces for love and kindness. There must be a definite and steady outflow of creative love in what we do and say from day to day. Not how little harm, but how much good we can do should be our main concern; not what we can get from others for ourselves, but what we can give to others of ourselves.

Would that we were as impulsive in kindness as we are explosive in anger. Unbridled wrath like a raging hurricane leaves awful wreckage in its wake, but Christian love leaves a host of blessings—hearts comforted, lives mended, dreams fulfilled, friendships strengthened, courage revived, peace restored, wrongs righted.

If anger injures God's possessions in other souls in so many ways, just as truly is the way open for us by words and deeds of love to beautify His property in the lives of men and women.—C. Norman Bartlett.



# The Spiritual Man

## PART IV

By M. G. McLuhan, Principal,  
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THE FACT remains that there can be no demonstration without the cooperation of the human spirit. When a person speaks in tongues, it is his human spirit that gets the utterance from God, and it is his human spirit contacting the human mind that in turn controls the body in the physical phenomena of unknown tongues. There is no place in the New Testament where it says that the Holy Ghost spoke with tongues. It says, "They spake with tongues as the Spirit gave them the utterance." Paul said, "For if I pray in an unknown tongue, *my spirit* prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful." The human mind governs the body in making it speak the words that it receives through the human spirit. The spirit of man receives the utterance from the Holy Ghost, because it is the human spirit that is the point of contact for the Holy Spirit of God. "His Spirit witnesseth with our spirit," so says the Word. This is the point of contact for the assurance of salvation and sonship, and it is the point of contact for the inspiration and motivation of spiritual manifestations. The human mind receives the words from the human spirit much in the same way as it might receive the words of an earthly language that it does not know. It hears the sound and phraseology of a heavenly language that it does not know. Its understanding is unfruitful while it is governing the body to speak forth the sounds that it is receiving. If a man does not know the German language, and a friend who knows it speaks to him, he may be able to repeat the sounds of the German words but his understanding will be unfruitful. However, if after he has repeated the utterance of German words, his friend explains their meaning to him, then he will be able to give that interpretation to others. This will not only enlighten his own mind, but will teach the hearers. When one speaks in an unknown tongue *he* is edified, not because he understands what he is saying, but because he knows that he is in contact with God. The Bible says that he is not speaking unto men, but unto God. He is speaking mysteries that no man understands. This is to take place at such times and places as will not frustrate the overall purpose of the Holy Spirit. It is certainly no time for this at the high point of an evangelistic meeting. Will the all-wise Holy Ghost, who is anointing the speaker to the point where

the will of sinners is ready to break down before God, suddenly change His mind and lead someone to seek his own edification? When He is speaking through a consecrated vessel to men, with the intent of bringing about their conversion, will He suddenly forget them and commence speaking mysteries understood only by God and not by those individuals with whom He has been dealing for many weeks, perhaps?

Often the Holy Spirit uses the individual to speak a phrase or passage in unknown tongues that is repeated each time that person speaks. In this case the human mind eventually grasps the sequence of the unknown words and can reproduce them from memory. Consequently, when the individual senses the presence of the Holy Spirit in a special way, he may repeat the phrase of unknown meaning from memory. If he is untrained, he may repeat it at the wrong time because he does not discern the mind of the Spirit. There is nothing particularly wrong with memorizing the phrase or passage, because, after all, it is a message of mystery from God Himself, and each time it is spoken it is spoken to God. However, God does not always want you to pray or speak to Him in words that are mysterious to your own mind. In the case of the evangelistic meeting, He wants you to discern His mind and His objective for that service. If you do, He can use you to the profit and blessing of all. Just because you feel the Spirit moving in your being, you must not think that He has but one way to manifest Himself through you. He wishes to use you in various capacities and manifestations "severally as He wills." It may be true that He will use you in the one specific manner more often than others, but remember that the gifts of the Spirit are resident in the person of the Holy Spirit, and it is His prerogative as to which one is the most valuable at the moment. If He has your cooperation in motive, He will use you as He sees fit. If you are unwilling to think with Him, as a "worker together with God" must do, then He cannot use you. He must have your mind, and your mind must be seeking the glory of God and not self-glory. If a passage in unknown tongues is repeated from memory to demonstrate one's own spirituality, it is carnal and sinful. If it is repeated at a time when the Holy Spirit is attempting to use the individual in another channel, it is a proof that that one is not spiritual enough to discern the mind of God. The Bible says "He that is spiritual discerns *all things*." Much harm is caused by lack of discernment, and this error is intensified by this mystical form of worship that is popular in some Pentecostal circles. Anything that disassociates the mind and sane thinking from worship should be seriously questioned. God does not take one's brain away when He baptizes him in the Holy Ghost. He does not call for mental un-



consciousness, but He calls for mental cooperation. He must have the whole man—spirit, mind (soul), and body.

**INSANITY** in so-called spiritual manifestations is a very dangerous thing. When a person goes mentally insane, his whole being gets out of order. His mouth speaks ridiculous things; his feet take him to places of physical disaster; his hands act as though they had no relationship to the rest of his body. Instead of feeding him, they may throw the food on the floor and dash the chinaware against the wall. The teeth that were meant to chew food may be used only to chew some other hapless individual. In short, the whole man is disorganized, and if let loose will eventually destroy himself and others. His head has no more control over his being, and every muscle seems to go its own way. This is the picture these mystics would have us take of the body of Christ.

They would have us think that while Christ, the Head, is using some individual to speak to lost souls through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, some other individual may be inspired from the same source to ring the cowbell of personal attention in the ears of the very people to whom the other person is speaking. They would have us believe that one person may be led by the Spirit to read the Bible, but another fellow may at the same moment be led to turn off the lights. This is the direct result of a mystical type of worship that finds its governing source of manifestation and behavior in the haphazard and scattered pattern of human emotions, rather than according to the Word of God. They feel led to tell people things that the Word of God disallows, and their deportment is such that one would think each person of their fellowship was a little church all by himself, and completely disassociated from any responsibility or capacity to contribute to the common good. They get some mystical impulse to do certain things that bring spiritual ruin to others.

They promote temporal dreams that bring financial catastrophe on the work of God. Their ministry or usefulness in the Church shows no more maturity and progress than a horse on a treadmill, but they are always great sages in their own eyes, and feel that all others will eventually come around to their "deep" appraisal of things. One minute their mystical dreams will so inspire them with their present hobbyhorse that they will solemnly declare they are going to remain in the saddle until they ride through the pearly gates. The next breath they feel "led" to dismount and amble off to some other place. If it turns out to be a failure, they say the Lord led them there to show them some great truth and, consequently, they are spiritually ahead of all others who have not been led to such a place of dismal humiliation. If someone opposes their dreams, they will either assume a lordly air of pitying sympathetic superiority that marvels at the other fellow's spiritual short-sightedness, or they will feel led to run off to some place where they can brood the eggs of self-pity until they hatch out another batch of much touted "deep experiences." They may even go back to the pasture of hurt feelings and saddle up the old hobbyhorse again, especially if they think there is a chance of demonstrating their great spiritual insight by doing so.

If they become jealous over someone else's ability or influence, they will be "led" to tell him that God has revealed it to them that he should leave the area for some

other field of labor. If the brother in question does not fall for their line, they feel that he is questioning their spiritual insight and is a living insult to their towering spiritual discernment. They suddenly assume a great concern for the "work," professing to feel that the fellow's presence in the community is a threat to the cause of God. They will go so far as to carry on a private war against his reputation, and will make great effort to have him ruined if he refuses to follow their "leading." When questioned about the ethics of their methods, they appear greatly astonished that anyone should question the holiness of their motives. However, if they feel that the veneer of their profession has worn thin in places, they will come forth with an apology that appears to be very generous in their eyes. When viewed under the light of Scripture, it appears to be nothing more than another effort to justify their actions, and all the while they are giving it they want the other fellow to admit that if he had cleared off sooner they would not have had to commit the sin of overzealousness in character assassination. When asked for scripture to justify their actions, they get a blank look and say that they felt definitely "led" to do it.

**THESE MYSTICS** mistake self-glory and self-promotion for the glory of God and the promotion of His work. When they begin to feel that they are not getting enough "recognition," they secretly confide that they could be used to a greater capacity by the Lord if they were rid of the restrictions of their particular fellowship. They immediately start fellowshiping with persons who have a reputation for an independent spirit, and, if that does not have the right effect in getting them the recognition they want, they will, perhaps, get a very unusual revelation of the value of the fellowship, and will start preaching it in a loud voice when the right people are within hearing distance.

This whole fatal error, with its tragic effect, is the result of an unscriptural form of private worship and a total ignorance of real Spirit leading. It rises from the foul lair of mysticism that does not respect the Word of God. It almost ruined the Corinthian Church. Are we going to let it destroy the full-gospel Churches of God today? The only answer is the Word of God. It must be strictly followed, and its counsels must be faithfully observed.

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Use what talents you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those who sang the best.

—Anonymous.

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A church which is destitute of revival spirit is like a stormcloud in the time of a drought, which brings no rain.

Like a lamp with a wet wick, which sputters for a moment and then goes out.

Like a stove with soot-filled pies and wet wood, that gives no heat.

Like an empty table to a man who is starving.

Like a dried up fountain to a man who is dying of thirst.

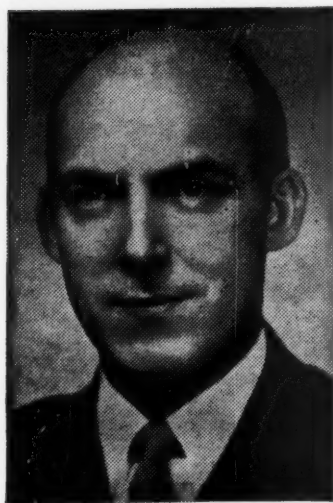
Like a lighthouse whose light is put out.

Like a home where there is no love.

Like a polar winter.

Like a ghastly corpse.

He who commanded Lazarus, "Come forth," is able to resurrect even such a church as this.—M. W. Knapp.



# Practical Christianity

1 Thessalonians 4:1-18

By A. M. PHILLIPS, Overseer of Kentucky

**"CHRISTIAN"—A SACRED NAME, NOT AN ASSUMPTION BUT A REALITY.  
THE GOSPEL IS THE HEARTBEAT OF CHRISTIANITY.**

**C**HRIST'S FOLLOWERS were first called Christians at Antioch, and were rightfully named, because their religion was based on the teachings of Jesus Christ. They represented Christianity because they represented Christ and possessed the characteristics of Christian people.

Modern Christianity sets aside the virgin birth, has no toleration for atonement by sacrificial death, and positively refuses to accept the bodily resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Practical Christianity is not what many would have you believe, because there are many professing Christians who maintain that the godly life of practical Christianity is a life of quiet submission, of patient waiting, waiting upon the Lord till He performs His own work. They seem to say, "The battle is the Lord's" and "Jehovah will fight for you."

Practical Christianity is demonstrated in the acts and character of every person possessing Christ. By their fruits ye shall know them; by their thoughts God knows them. Ye cannot grow figs from thistles. Matthew 7:16.

Being like Christ is having a personal knowledge of Him. It is being a new creature. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new," 2 Corinthians 5:17.

Practical Christianity denotes possession. It means living the Bible, living out the promises, practices, and precepts of the New Testament. Practical Christianity shows you as having the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ, that you are born again, that you have been washed in the blood of God's Holy Son, and that the recording angel has written your name in the Lamb's book of life.

Christianity is believing on the Lord Jesus Christ: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house," Acts 16:31. To be a Christian a person is saved by grace: "For by grace are ye saved through faith," Ephesians 2:8a. Christianity is becoming a child of God: "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name," John 1:12.

A Christian is one possessing the mind of Christ: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus," Philippians 2:5. To be a Christian is to let your light shine that men may see your good works and glorify the Father in heaven.

## IS THE ABOVE PRACTICAL?

IS LIVING FOR CHRIST practical? Is it workable, useful, effective? Is it essential to be or become a Christian?

Practical Christianity does not sit silently aside, longing, yearning, hoping for shining cities in the future. There may be, and will be, a holy city with golden streets; there may be and will be robes of righteousness and a tree of life. But practical Christianity will help build a better world for each one to live in on earth. It will help build first-class cities, towns, villages, and communities. It will put clothes on the backs of the poor, fill the mouths of the hungry with actual bread, and help weave a garment of civic, social, and individual righteousness that will stand the test of this world or any other. Practical Christianity lives the life that now is.

Christianity is practical because it enables us to walk in a manner pleasing to God: "Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more," 1 Thessalonians 4:1. Practical Christianity enables us to walk after the Spirit: "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh," Romans 8:1-3.

Practical Christianity is the greatest need of the day in every way and in every place—practical Christianity, not the brand that most church members possess and exhibit, not the kind some social gospel people would have us believe, not the Christianity you can put on on Sunday morning when you go to Sunday School and church and take off when you get home, to hang up until next Sunday.

Christianity is practical because it enables us to be followers of God: "Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children," Ephesians 5:1. Christianity is practical because it enables us to have fellowship one with the other. Christianity enables us to discontinue the practice of sin: "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law;





# The Christian Challenge

*St. Mark 16:15, "Go ye into all the world."*

*By A. J. PHILLIPS, Pastor, Hattiesburg, Mississippi*

**T**HE WORD OF GOD leaves no alternative for men who would be saved, outside of Christ. The Church, His body, is intrusted with the great commission, and the tremendous responsibility which is ours is shown clearly in these words, "How can they believe on him of whom they have not heard?" The command of our Lord as set forth in the text to the disciples was to go.

The disciples had witnessed and shared the great ministry of our Lord. They knew of His power to save men from their sins and to heal the afflicted bodies.

## TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?

The disciples remembered the dark day of the cross, the crucifixion, and the body of their Master lying in the cold tomb of His friend. They were in accord with the great message and power of Jesus, but now He lay cold in the tomb. In their sadness of heart and burdened soul they heard that "Christ is risen." The resurrection a reality? Even the promise of the Lord Himself they failed to believe. Their hearts were hardened, surely, for the cruelty shown their Master. But if they could just see Him once again, and have His mellow voice speak the words of faith to their hardened souls of unbelief, they could then believe. Jesus then spoke to those He loved a short message of seventy-nine words, and verse 20 says they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them.

Today the challenge is to us in this 20th century. Someone must go and proclaim the message. It is not enough when our family is saved, or our neighbor, but

for sin is the transgression of the law," 1 John 3:4. Christianity enables us to be delivered from the power of indwelling sin: Romans 6:1-3; 8:1-3; 1 John 3:1-9. Practical Christianity enables us to love our fellow man; it is unselfish love: "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself," Matthew 22:39. It is a divine love: "As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love," John 15:9. Divine love is a proof of practical Christianity: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

In the days of the early Church and the times of the apostles, practical Christianity challenged governmental

we must go throughout the community, the neighboring counties, the state, over this nation, and on till all the world has heard the message.

St. Mark 16:15b, "Preach the gospel"—good tidings, the story of Christ's life and ministry. Every person today is looking for good news.

## WHAT SHALL WE PREACH?

When all questions were answered and the application signed, the officer in charge said, "In a few days you will get your assignment." I waited and longed for the hour to arrive when I would have the good news of my definite assignment. One day it came just in time.

Today there are those who are expecting someone to come and tell them good news—to those who are bound, the message of freedom through Christ; to those who are in sin, I think of the words of the apostle Paul when he said, "Christ Jesus came to save sinners, of whom I am chief," and there is pardon and freedom for all through Him; to those who are sick, there is healing for their pain and disease, Psalm 103:3, "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases."

St. Mark 16:16, "He that believeth." v. 17, "Them that believe." To those who believe, there is deliverance from the condition that engulfs their lives and souls. We

## WHAT SHALL WE EXPECT?

must believe to find in Him the positive need. Without faith it is impossible to please Him. Then, in our message, we must go preaching believing. St. John 16:20, "And they went forth, and preached everywhere." The signs; sins forgiven, devils cast out, believers speaking with new tongues, the sick healed. This is the work of the Lord that we who go can expect as the Lord works with us.

laws and invoked the keenest persecution. Yet, they went forth and so preached that they not only saved and transformed individuals, but the impact was so impressive on the general public that their enemies said of them that they had "turned the world upside down."

## CHRISTIANITY IS PRACTICAL

**BECAUSE** the recipient is freely given redemption, healing, power for service, a final resting place with the blest.

It is the only source of permanent peace. God has promised "perfect peace, (to those) whose mind is stayed

on thee," Isaiah 26:3. The man after God's own heart said, "The Lord will bless his people with peace," Psalm 29:11.

Jesus personally promised the Christ-followers the bequest of peace: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid," John 14:27. And at the close of that unforgettable chapter sixteen of John, he said: "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world," John 16:33.

Christianity enables us to have a comforting view of death. Christianity is the only source of lasting comfort for a burdened heart, a broken home, a disturbed mind. David said, in the Twenty-third Psalm, "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." When Mary and Martha had no other source of comfort, Jesus said, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead,

yet shall he live," John 11:25. "Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also," John 14:19. Paul in his second letter to Timothy, his son in the faith, the preacher of his own ordination, says our Saviour, Jesus Christ, "hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel," 2 Timothy 1:10.

Jesus Christ is the only source of lasting comfort to Christians. His crucifixion and ascension, among many other benefits, assure us the three following things: 1. That He abolished death for all Christians. 2. That He gave the gift of a new life. 3. That immortality became a reality. "So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" 1 Corinthians 15:54, 55. "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them," Revelation 14:13.



#### RIDGEWAY

Mary Elizabeth Ridgeway, born Oct. 15, 1882, died Oct. 14, 1953. She was a charter member of the Mount Zion, Ala., Church of God, being a Christian since she was 16 years of age. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Preston, Rev. E. J. Ridgeway, and the pastor.—W. E. Hodo.

#### HENDRICKSON

Finley Hendrickson departed this life Jan. 15, 1954, at the age of 46. He was a faithful member who had just begun his ministry for the Church of God. He was a member of the church for 17 years prior to his death.—Mrs. James Bishop.

#### KEY

Clarrissa Bell Key passed away Sept. 17, 1953, in Forrest City, Ark. She was 78 years old at her death and had been a member of the Church of God for 6 years. She was a very devoted Christian, and many of her friends will feel the loss deeply. She is survived by her two sons, Arthur C. and William H. McKaig. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Amy Hanley, in the Millville, N. J., Church of God, of which she was a member.—Arthur C. McKaig.

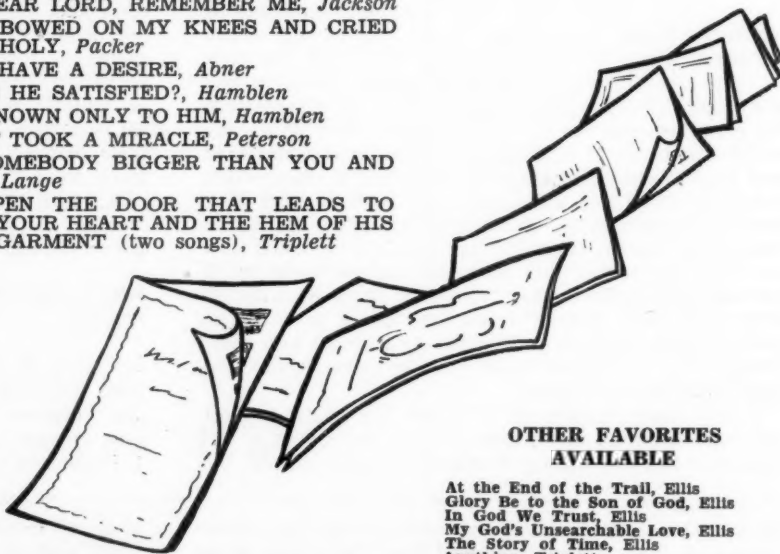
#### SIZEMORE

Johnnie C. Sizemore, age 21, was laid to rest 2 weeks ago. He had served 2 years overseas in the armed service and was home only 63 days when God saw fit to call him. He made a wonderful soldier for his country.—Gladys Winesett.

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## EVANS DECLARES REVIVAL REACHING ALL LEVELS

LOS ANGELES, California (EP) A top-level revival is slipping in over the country and will seep down through all levels of society, Dr. Louis H. Evans reported recently. The former pastor of Hollywood Presbyterian Church and now a national spokesman for his denomination, Dr. Evans attended a press conference following his return from a preaching mission to mid-Pacific Air Force bases.

For half a year since leaving the Hollywood pulpit, which he had built to national prominence, Dr. Evans has addressed lay, military, and religious groups across the nation. He said he found everywhere evidence of a "resurgence to God among Americans of all callings," but noted that it was from the top down, rather than a grass-roots revival in the traditional pattern.

He said that President Eisenhower well illustrated the trend, but that he was a symbol of it, rather than the leader. "This has been a gradual movement," Dr. Evans said, "and while it didn't start with this administration, it has developed momentum under it. The reasons for it are several.

"Among them is a conviction that humanism doesn't work. Then, too, there is an upsurge of spiritual interest in the hearts of businessmen and a nostalgia for Christianity in the field of education. Military men have come to realize that today's wars are theological wars, that a light serves better than a licking. Our military men are becoming evangelists, almost."

## CATHOLICS CLAIM IMAGE WEEPS

ROME, Italy (EP) Don Luigi Sturzo, Italian priest-statesman, said here that the weeping Madonna statue of Syracuse, declared "miraculous" by the Sicilian bishops, shed tears because of the increasing war danger. Don Sturzo, 82, said the war danger stemmed from the fact that "men cultivate hatred more than love, jealousy more than understanding, racial pride more than fraternity and international cooperation."

The terra cotta bust statue was reported to have been observed shedding tears in the home of Angelo and Antonio Giusto on August 29, and to have continued "weeping" until September 1. Drops of the moisture were collected and, after chemical analysis, found to contain a substance present in human tears. An inquiry was made into the phenomenon by the Sicilian bishops, who afterwards accepted it as miraculous. More than 1,000,000 per-

sons have visited the statue, which has been placed in the main square of Syracuse, and 560 persons have claimed cures of various diseases. These claims are now being investigated by a special commission of medical experts.

## BIBLE SOCIETIES TO CELEBRATE 150TH ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK (EP) An unprecedented program of worldwide scope to reawaken interest in Bible reading and to supply Scriptures to people who want them will be launched in 1954. Described as "one of the greatest mass statements of faith in human history," the project will be conducted simultaneously during the entire year of 1954 by 24 national Bible societies all members of the United Bible Societies. People of at least 60 nations will participate.

The program will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the founding of the first national group, the British and Foreign Bible Society, and the 500th anniversary of the completion of the Gutenberg Bible, the first printed edition. Some U. S. church groups observed the Gutenberg anniversary in 1952, but the more commonly accepted date is 1954. Among the program's goals will be to increase the distribution of the 24 societies from 20,000,000 volumes of Scriptures annually, the present total, to 25,000,000 in 1954, and to 50,000,000 by 1960.

Simultaneously, the American society announced that, as its part of the program, it had adopted the greatest budget in its 138-year history. It will exceed \$4,000,000 for the first time. A regular budget of \$3,487,000 has been approved in addition to a special budget of \$570,250, for a total of \$4,570,250.

## YFC PLANS STRONG PROGRAM TO CELEBRATE 10TH YEAR

WHEATON, Illinois (EP)—An intensified 12-month period of all-out evangelism will mark Youth for Christ International's 10th anniversary year in 1954. President Robert A. Cook has announced from headquarters here. "Surely we're glad and grateful for the blessings of ten years, but we don't plan only to sit around and count our blessings to see how God has worked through Youth for Christ," Cook declared, in making the preliminary announcement. "Let others do that. We're gearing ourselves to an all-out drive, sparing nothing as we seek to achieve our goal of world evangelization."

Youth for Christ leaders overseas

in the first months of 1954 include Bob Pierce, second vice-president, to the Orient; Billy Graham, first vice-president, to London in March for three months; Jack Cochran, international evangelist, to Ireland, Scotland, and Germany for four months; Reinhold Barth, international evangelist, to Germany for an indefinite period; and Ted Engstrom, executive director, to Brazil in January, for World Congress planning.

Twenty conferences across North America will highlight the anniversary year, Cook said. The first will be in Chicago, February 23-26, when the executive council gathers. The first winter conference at Boca Raton, Florida, brings eight YFC leaders to that vacation conference spot on March 8-14. The tenth annual convention is slated for July 4-18, at Winoona Lake, Indiana, with scores of delegates expected from foreign lands.

## AFRICAN PASTOR IMPRESSED BY AMERICAN TREATMENT OF NEGRO

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey (EP) —An African pastor who came to America to "see how the United States treats the Negro" returned to his native Tanganyika to give numerous "positive and constructive" reports, according to Dr. Fredrik A. Schlotz, executive secretary of the National Lutheran Council's Commission on Younger Churches and Orphaned Missions.

The experience of the Rev. Stefano Moshi, of the Marangu Teacher's Training School, was related in Dr. Schlotz's report to the Council's 36th annual meeting here. Dr. Schlotz pointed out that political tensions in many parts of the world are creating "delicate problems" for missionaries, and emphasized that one source of such problems is the "continent-wide African reaching for recognition." Mr. Moshi came to the U.S. late in 1952 and stayed for several months, through the end of the year and the first part of 1953.

As it was known that the African pastor "was eager to see how the United States treats the Negro," Dr. Schlotz continued, "no effort was made to hide our shame from him." Rather, the report emphasized, the National Lutheran Council arranged for an extended tour into the South.

Numerous talks on America by Mr. Moshi after his return to Tanganyika have attracted large crowds, Dr. Schlotz continued, but the observer always gives constructive and positive comments. When at one meeting some

questioners sought to get him to be condemnatory of the West, Mr. Moshil responded by saying, "I did not go to the United States to see its paganism; I can see enough of that in Africa. I went to see how the Church is meeting its problems and the paganism of its own land," Dr. Schlotz quoted. "Ye shall know the truth—therein lies the way to free and responsible conduct," the report concluded.

#### COMMUNIST DIPLOMAT BUYS CAPITALIST HOME: \$150,000 CASH

NEW YORK (EP)—Andrei Y. Vishinsky, already the Communist master of two huge Long Island estates, is getting settled in his new town house, bought for \$150,000 cash from the head of the nation's largest capitalistic enterprise. The chief Soviet delegate to the United Nations, his wife, and daughter took over the 20-room stone mansion from Leroy A. Lincoln, chairman of the board of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. They had the entire house redecorated and refurbished, but made only a few minor alterations.

The five-story house, complete with elevator, six maids' rooms, and quarters for a butler and a second man, is next door to a Soviet-owned building on the corner of Park Avenue and 68th Street. Several members of the Soviet's U.N. delegation live in that building, and a connecting passageway is being built.

#### NOTES FROM THE NEWS

Members of the Church of the Nazarene gave a record average of \$118.33 each to the church during 1953. Church membership rose to 258,000, and Sunday School enrollment to 537,000. They support 265 missionaries and 1,150 native workers in 25 foreign countries.

The cigarette industry showed a loss in 1953, for the first time since 1932. Sales for 1953 were reported at 387 billion cigarettes, compared with 394.9 billion in 1952. One explanation was the discussion over a possible link between lung cancer and smoking.

One of the greatest of all the gains Americans have enjoyed during the past half century has been the addition of more than twenty years to the life span between birth and death. At the turn of the century, the expectation of life at birth was just over 47 years; it now exceeds 68 years. Today's expectation of life at age 65 is fourteen years.

Ten important dates in 1953 were: January 20, Dwight D. Eisenhower inaugurated first Republican president since 1933 . . . March 5, Joseph Stalin dies . . . March 6, Georgi Malenkov named new Soviet dictator . . . May 25, first atomic artillery shell fired in Nevada test . . . May 29, British team climbs Mount Everest, world's highest peak . . . June 2, Elizabeth II crowned queen of the British Empire . . . July 27, Truce ends Korean War after

three years, one month, and two days . . . July 31, Senator Robert A. Taft dies at age of 63 . . . August 5, Exchange of Korean War prisoners begun . . . December 8, President Eisenhower proposes world pool of atomic materials for peaceful uses.

Universal Bible Sunday, the second Sunday in December, was observed by not less than 75,000 congregations in the U. S., reports the American Bible Society.

During its 118 years of bringing Scriptures to the sightless, the American Bible Society has distributed throughout the world to the blind a total of 373,458 volumes and Talking Book records.

The Supreme Court of New Jersey ruling that the Gideon Bible is a "secular book," and that its distribution in the public schools "was in violation

of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution . . ." has brought to light some interesting information. Eighteen counties in Missouri have nun-taught public schools, in which 94 nuns are employed, whose salaries of \$140,956 are paid out of public tax funds. Since the Supreme Court ruling was the result of complaints of Jewish and Roman Catholic parents, the situation in Missouri, and other places with reference to parochial "public schools," has provoked editorial comment on the inconsistencies of the Roman Catholic strategy in the United States.

The cost of making the first two atomic bombs was two billion dollars. This amount would have put ten thousand missionaries in the field for a period of one hundred years at \$2,000 each a year, points out the Council on Missionary Corporation of the American Baptist Convention.



#### GEORGIA

MOULTRIE, Ga.—We have had a wonderful revival, with Brother Frankie Ward as the evangelist. There were 22 saved, 3 sanctified, and 9 filled with the Holy Ghost. The church was blessed spiritually, and the interest seemed higher than at any other revival. We can recommend Brother Ward as being an outstanding evangelist.—Hazel Squires, Reporter.

#### MICHIGAN

MONROE, Mich.—We have just had a revival at 144 Rosalie Street, Monroe, Mich., with Clyde Vermillion, of Toledo, Ohio, as our evangelist. There were 7 saved and 1 added to the church. The Holy Ghost came down in a mighty way, and the Lord blessed us every night. We give the Lord all the praise. Our dear pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. George Lewis, are doing a fine work; we dearly love them.—Gracy Redmon, Clerk.

#### NORTH CAROLINA

ENFIELD, N. C.—We praise God for a great revival which lasted 6 nights. Our pastor, John D. Walker, was the evangelist. Four were saved, 4 sanctified, and 8 added to the church. This revival stirred our church and community. The gospel is still the power of God unto salvation.—Mrs. Gladys Walker.

WILLIAMSTON, N. C.—Our 3 weeks' revival closed January 31. Sister Della Patrick was the evangelist. The Lord surely did bless. We had 4 saved, 3 sanctified, 1 healed of a goiter, and 1 with crossed eyes had them straightened.—Mrs. Margaret Ward, Clerk.

#### PENNSYLVANIA

JOHNSTOWN, Pa.—We were happy to have Brother and Sister Mark Summers, of Climax, Sask., Canada, with us for a 2 weeks' revival. Their singing and the Holy-Ghost-anointed preaching of Brother Summers were a real blessing to the church. The church has been strengthened by their having been here. There were 4 saved, and the church has felt its need of more of the Lord. There has been more interest shown from those outside the church in this meeting than has been for some time. We learned to love Brother and Sister Summers and wish them success in the work of the Lord.—C. D. Reese, Clerk.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA

DENMARK, S. C.—We closed a revival January 31 which continued for three and one-half weeks. There were 13 saved, 9 sanctified, 8 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 3 baptized in water, and 4 taken into the church, one by transfer. Sister Alma Waters, of Williston, S. C., was our evangelist. She is a wonderful holiness preacher.—J. F. Rankin, Pastor.

#### VIRGINIA

PARROTT, Va.—We have recently enjoyed a 2 weeks' revival. The Rev. R. L. Sifford, of Johnson City, Tenn., was our evangelist. There were 3 saved, 2 sanctified, and 2 filled with the Holy Ghost. The church was blessed. We thank God for His many wonderful blessings. Rev. J. W. Riggs is our pastor.—Elbert Cox.

Our sanctification depends on our response to the workings of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. That is true of every step that leads up to the crisis of sanctification, and that is equally true of every step we take afterward in the sanctified life.—Charles Inwood.

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**CONNERSVILLE, Ind.**—The Church of God at Connersville, Ind., has moved to a larger building, with a parsonage adjacent, located at 2236 Western Avenue. — Archie F. McWilliams, Pastor.

**SOUTH BOSTON, Va.**—God is wonderfully blessing His church here in South Boston. Our Sunday night services are like revival services, with God blessing, saving souls, and healing the sick.

In January there were 13 saved and 2 sanctified. The church is greatly encouraged, and our people are working harder than at any time in the two and a half years we have been here.

We also have won the district Sunday School and Y.P.E. banner for the last three months. We took 81 from our church to Edgewood for our district youth rally February 1, and brought back with us the district attendance banner. We have both of these beautiful banners hanging in the church.—E. P. Burrow, Pastor.

**DAVIN, W. Va.**—We recently had a 2 weeks' singing school taught by Brother J. Cooper Hight, our state singing school teacher. We thoroughly enjoyed every service, and he has been a wonderful blessing to our church, young and old alike. We are of the opinion that any church he visits will be richly blessed by his good singing and teaching.—C. H. McCane, Pastor.

**BENTON HARBOR, Mich.**—The Lord surely is blessing us here. The altar is full of seekers at every service. Several have been saved, and 2 have received the Holy Ghost. We have wonderful crowds, and around 100 in Sunday School every Sunday. Pray for the work here, for if God keeps working we will have to get a larger place. The Lord has blessed us with 80 seats, but we need some more.—Leana Edmundson.

**JACKSON, Ohio**—We are very pleased to announce that our new parsonage is now ready to be occupied. The building is of wood frame structure and has 4 rooms and a bath, all completed on the ground floor. The floors are hardwood, and a picture window enhances the beauty of the building.

The full basement is complete, except the floor which is yet to be added. The upstairs consists of 2 rooms, to be completed later.

This parsonage adds greatly to the appearance and value of our property in Jackson, as it is a beautiful building valued at \$9,000, the only indebtedness against it being \$2,000.

Much of the material and work have been donated by members and friends of the church. Several of the businessmen of Jackson have encouraged us

by their liberality in donating cash and building material. We do appreciate and thank all who have donated or helped in any way.

We especially appreciate the faithfulness and untiring efforts of our pastor, Rev. H. L. Dillinger, and his wife in completing our parsonage.

When all looked hopeless, as far as completing the building was concerned, Brother Dillinger worked on and urged our people to "go a little farther." Sometimes when it seemed as if he, too, were tired and a little discouraged, Sister Dillinger would come to the rescue and inspire us with a pep talk that demanded action.

We thank the Lord for a pastor who is faithful to his calling, and we know the Lord will reward him for his faithfulness.

The Lord is blessing our church, both financially and spiritually, for which we praise His glorious name.—Laura Hayes, Clerk.

**PATTEN, Ga.**—The L.W.W.B. at Patten, Ga., has painted the church inside and out, built 2 rooms and a porch on the parsonage, built a wash house, and put lots of new wiring in the parsonage. We have been selling aprons and pillowcases, and we had a supper, but we really want to tell you about a quilt we made. We made \$158.80 on one quilt. We are enjoying our work with the good people at Patten, and God really is sending His blessings and the mighty power of the Holy Ghost down in our services. Brother and Sister J. H. Ming are to start a revival at our church soon. Pray that God will give us a landslide revival.—Mrs. Lannie Wiggins, L.W.W.B. President.

**ELECTRA, Texas**—A deeply inspirational dedicatory service was held at 2 p.m. January 24, at the Church of God in Electra, with State Superintendent J. D. Bright, of Weatherford, Texas, as the featured speaker.

The remodeling and the addition of the Sunday School plant had long been felt necessary, because of the unusual growth of the Sunday School and of the church proper. "It is with a great deal of pride for a task well done that we have planned these services," said the pastor, R. J. Dunn.

The actual beginning of the expansion program was started under the leadership of the Rev. Gibson, some two years ago. However, the many tasks, jobs, and duties necessary to the full completion of the program has been under the capable direction of the present pastor. The expansion program was completed with an expense of \$12,000.

This amount has been paid in full, and there are no outstanding debts

against the church at this time. Many of the church congregation gave freely of their time, as well as of their money; many not connected in any way with the church also gave. The pastor and the church membership would like to take this opportunity to express their sincere thanks to the many who participated in their expansion program.

A covered-basket lunch was spread, family style, at the noon hour, and every one was asked to remain and enjoy this fellowship.

The Rev. Bright was the speaker at the morning service. He was assisted by the pastor of the church, R. J. Dunn, and Mrs. Dunn was in charge of special music.

Neighboring pastors were asked to be present. Those who accepted include the pastors of the Iowa Park, Quanah, Kadane, Childress, and Vernon churches.—From a newspaper write-up.

**PORTERVILLE, La.**—A new Church of God was set in order Jan. 14, 1954, with Y. W. Kidd and Thomas K. Shoemaker officiating. It is located one mile east of Cullen, La., near Porterville. The pastor is Rev. William Floyd Morgan, of Chattanooga, Tenn. The clerk is J. A. Morgan, of Sarepta, La.

The meeting was opened by prayer, then a song service. God was in our midst from the beginning. The pastor's 2 daughters and son sang "I Have But One Goal." Then, Brother William Morgan and his daughter sang "I'd Like to Talk It Over."

The state overseer, Y. W. Kidd, was especially anointed of God to read and explain the Minutes of the doctrine of the Church.

There have been many wonderful healings here at our church since Brother Morgan came. One girl, 12 years old, was instantly healed, whom the Shriners had given up as a hopeless case. She was crippled from birth. An elderly lady was instantly healed of an affliction after she had been given up by doctors. There were many, many other healings, all instantaneous, such as gall bladder, female, heart, and head troubles, etc.

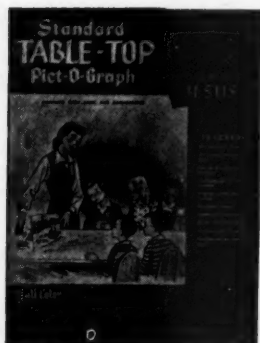
When the opportunity to unite with the church was given, 15 came forward. Others who had planned to unite were absent at this time.

God is wonderfully blessing our church. Someone is in the altar most every prayer service. We truly thank God for sending Brother Morgan our way.

In addition, these folks have a well-built church building, 40 by 60 feet, with 4 Sunday School rooms. There is no debt on this project, as the land, labor, and material have all largely been donated. Brother Morgan has the confidence of the entire town and community. We thank the Lord for His blessings.—Thomas K. Shoemaker, District Overseer, and Mrs. Clarence Gish, Reporter.

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